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TELEPHONE FACILITIES TO VILLAGE PANCHAYAT IN CHHATTISGARH
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of village panchayats which provided with telephone facility in the Chhattisgarh as on date, district wise;

(b) the number of telephones out of the above which are in working condition and the number of those which are out of order;

(c) the reasons for their non-functional;

(d) the action being taken by the Government to rectify the same; and

(e) the time by which all village panchayats in the State are likely to be provided telephone facility alongwith the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI SIKDAR)

(a) 6429 Village Panchayats in Chhattisgarh have been provided with telecom facility as on date. District-wise details are given in the attached annexure.

(b) 4272 telephones in Village Panchayats are in working condition whereas 2157 telephones are out of order.

(c) Most of the faulty telephones are working on old MARR technology which has not proved to be reliable. Difficulty in maintenance of long overhead alignments also is one of the reasons.

(d) Annual Maintenance Contracts are entered into with manufacturers of MARR systems. There is also plan to replace faulty telephones falling in the coverage area of Wireless in Local Loop systems deployed in the circle progressively.

(e) It is planned to provide telecom facility in all Village Panchayats of the state by December 2002.

ANNEXURE

Number of Village Panchayats with Telephone Facilities in Chhattisgarh

S.No.	District	No. of Village Panchayats With Telephone Facility
1	Bastar	1177
2	Bilaspur	300
3	Champa-Janjgir	140
4	Dantawada	302
5	Dhamtari	163
6	Durg	925
7	Jashpur	387
8	Kankar	453
9	Kawardha	196
10	Korba	220
11	Korea	53
12	Mahasmund	219
13	Raigarh	641
14	Raipur	563
15	Rajnandgaon	515
16	Sarguja	175
Total		6429